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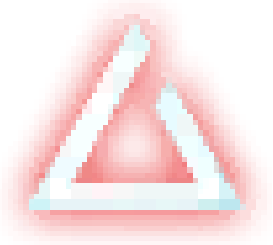

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Description

Apart from the four fundamental elements from which mages can draw power there is also a fifth source, variously referred to as the **Ether**, ***Quintessence*** (**Fifth Element**), **Astral Element**, **Mixed Element**, **Spirit**, **Idea** or just the **Magic**. To utilize its power one

must either combine the primary elements or draw from the mysterious plane called Ether or Astral Plane. Sometimes mistakenly called Aether.

Uses

TBA

Signs

Novice

Hatri *Canon*

Description and Effect:

Shadi

Description and Effect:

Yrden *Canon*

Description and Effect:

Journeyman

Shadi: Invisibility

Description and Effect:

Yrden: Magic Trap *Canon*

Description and Effect:

Mage Spells

Novice

Afan's Mirror *Canon*

Description and Effect: An Ether-based spell that was created by the talented Aedirnian mage Afan of Gulet, **Afan's mirror** creates up to ten illusory copies of the caster. These copies are intangible, but indistinguishable from the caster and controlled by the caster's mind. Controlling the copies does not require an action but they cannot leave the spell's range.

Spoken Component: "Drych ysbryd."

Alchemical Recovery *Canon*

Description and Effect: An Ether-based spell that can be used on a failed Alchemical project to revitalize the potency of a spent substance, allowing the caster to recover one Alchemical Substance, but only one per project.

Spoken Component: "TBA."

Blemish *Canon*

Description and Effect: An Ether-based spell that creates a small but noticeable illusion on a target that they are unaware of which makes them off-putting or unattractive. If the target is alerted to the illusory blemish, they become aware of it. A target that looks in a mirror or reflective surface, can notice it upon close inspection as well.

Spoken Component: "Skaza."

Blinding Dust *Canon*

Description and Effect: An Ether-based spell that shoots a cloud of magical dust into the eyes of a target that blinds them for the duration of the spell.

Spoken Component: "Llwch dall fy ngelynion."

Detect Ley Lines *Canon*

Description and Effect: An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to locate the closest Ley Line by sending out a magical pulse. Upon casting this spell, the caster's hand will gravitate to point in the direction of the closest Ley Line and they can feel which element it is connected to.

Spoken Component: "Gadewch i mi ganfod pwls yr elfennau."

- **Dispel** *Canon* - An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to end a spell, ritual, or hex within the range of this spell. This spell can cancel any durational magic and can be used as a defensive action to block magic attacks with or without physical components.

    Spoken Component: "Rhwygwch eu hud a lledrith, chwalu."
- **Enthrall**- An Ether-based spell that weaves a distracting string of words, causing creatures of the caster's choice that they can see within range and that can hear them to be subject to potentially being charmed. Any creature that can't be Charmed is automatically spared from this spell. This spell ends if the caster is incapacitated or can no longer speak.

    Spoken Component: "TBA."
- **Fergus' Demise** *Canon* - An Ether-based spell that summons a cluster of magical needles that act on the caster's command, it has been used for interrogation and torture purposes in the past.

    Spoken Component: "Tyllu fy ngelynion, o nodwyddau."
- **Glamour** *Canon*- An Ether based spell that allows the caster to cast an illusion around themself that makes you look stunning. This spell originated from Fey magic.

    Spoken Component: "Gwneud fy nodweddion hudolus, hudoliaeth."
- **Hold Tongue** - An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to magically glue a target’s lips and paralyze their tongue, rendering them unable to speak. While affected by this spell, the target cannot open their mouth and can only emit muffled sounds.

    Spoken Component: "Dal dy dafod."
- **Magic Compass** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that allows the user to instantly determine the direction of a place they have already been before. Alternatively, the spell can be used to determine which direction is north.

    Spoken Component: "Arweiniwch fi wir, cwmpawd hud."
- **Magic Screen** - An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to create a very specific illusion over a 2-meter cubed area to hide or alter items. Upon casting this spell, you can hide or change the appearance of items within the area. This change can only be visual and remains until dispelled or until any items are removed from that 2-meter cubed area.

    Spoken Component: "Taro fi o sgrin hud."
- **Reopen Portal** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to find the trace of an existing portal and reopen that connection temporarily. Upon casting this spell, the caster can choose either a Permanent Portal which is currently closed or the trace of a Standing Portal which was cast within the last 30 seconds. A Permanent Portal is somewhat difficult to reopen. If the chosen portal is a Standing Portal, it's even more difficult.

    Spoken Component: "Ailagor y porth a arferai sefyll yma."

- **Saovalla's Method** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that breaks down the tissue and mucous membranes of a corpse and makes it easier to find and extract mutagenic compounds. Upon casting this spell, the Mutagen within a corpse separates itself and emits a slight glow allowing it to be extracted by a decently skilled alchemist or a Witcher.

    Spoken Component: "Torr di i feini adeiladu bywyd."

Journeyman

- **Cloak** - An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to render themselves and anything they are carrying invisible. This spell can be partially undone with Yrden or a Moondust Bomb. If the affected person is hit while under this spell it immediately undoes itself.

    Spoken Component: "Rhowch glogyn anweledig i mi."
- **De Claudine's Substitution** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that permanently changes one alchemic substance into another alchemic substance. Unfortunately, mixtures are only viable if only one of the substances were affected by this spell, any more than one affected component and it results in failures every time.

    Spoken Component: "Newid o un sylwedd i'r llall."
- **Disrupt Focus** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that temporarily disturbs the magic pathways in an item preventing it from acting as a focus during the duration of the spell.

    Spoken Component: "Amharu ar lif yr hud."
- **Dormyn's Chamber** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell created by the mage Dormyn of Gemmera that imprisons a single target within a translucent magical bubble. One cannot see inside or outside the bubble and it is soundproof as well.

    Spoken Component: "Argraffu fy ngelyn mewn swigen."
- **Eilhart's Technique** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that is named after its creator Phillipa Eilhart, the spell allows the caster to dig into a target's mind and tear out information. In worse-case scenarios the target of this spell can become a little less intelligent after the spell.

    Spoken Component: "TBA."
- **Empower** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that weaves additional magic into the next spell cast to create a dangerous convergence of chaos. This spell can make an additional effect like combustion happen 100% of the time, make a spell easier to cast, or increase the damage of a spell although if the caster fails to cast it properly they suffer a major magical fumble.

    Spoken Component: "Gwehyddu fy hud gyda'n gilydd, rhoi pŵer iddo."

- **Hammerspace** - An Ether-based spell creates a small portal within arms reach that leads to a demi-plane called 'Hammerspace' that appears to be inside of a cabinet or closet no larger than a 5 ft cube. The caster can either stow or retrieve objects from the hammerspace. The portal remains open for about three to five seconds. When the caster's spell ends, the portal disappears. Any parts of their body still in the portal are ejected from it, along with any items they might be holding. Any objects inside the 'Hammerspace' remain stored there. Each time the caster casts this spell, they can create a new 'Hammerspace', or have the portal connect to a 'Hammerspace' they created with a previous casting of this spell. A 'Hammerspace' can only be connected to by the original creature or by a stronger casting of the spell.

    Spoken Component: "Rwy'n ymestyn i mewn i ofod y tu hwnt i'r gofod."
- **Illusion** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that creates any visual illusion the caster wants within 20 meters of themself. The illusion cannot be touched, smelled, or heard. Magic resistance can overcome the spell.

    Spoken Component: "TBA."
- **Preece's Procedure** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell created by the mage Catrin Preece to help navigate the dangerous waters of high society. The spell allows the caster to temporarily lock away one of the spell's target's emotions: Hatred, Love, Depression, or Euphoria. For the duration of the spell, the target is incapable of having this emotion and is unaware they have been affected by magic. The spell can be cast multiple times to lock away more emotions but it gets more difficult each time.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Spectral Tether** - An Ether-based spell that weaves a tether of magic around a target which binds it to its physical form. This prevents the target from becoming incorporeal, invisible, or teleporting (by any means). This spell prevents the target from moving more than 10 meters from the caster. This spell can be overcome by magic resistance stronger than the magic used to cast the spell.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Teleportation** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to teleport to a known location instantaneously. This cannot be used to take someone with the caster, and they can only transport the items or their person or in their hands. Attempts to teleport with another person simply leave them behind. Failure of this spell lands the caster in a random location between 1-6 miles away.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Trap Portal** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to place a magical trap inside a portal effectively redirecting the portal's endpoint. The spell works as such, after casting on a port the caster instantly learns the portal's original endpoint and may choose a location within 1 mile of that point to be the new endpoint. This change is notable but requires magical training or higher education to detect. Mages automatically check for this spell by instinct. Immediately after a creature or object passes through the portal, the trap is dispelled but magical evidence that the portal was trapped remains for a month.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"

Master

- **Bekker's Dark Mirror** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell created by the first known Nordling mage Jan Bekker that traps a target's reflection in a reflective surface near them, draining them of their strength in one way or another. This can reduce a target's physical strength, charisma, intelligence, reflexes, manual dexterity, magical ability, etc. It affects two attributes at the same time of the caster's choosing. These attributes will stay reduced for the duration of the spell or until the mirrored surface containing the reflection is completely destroyed. This spell causes the affected target to no longer cast a reflection until the spell ends. A creature without a reflection however cannot be affected by Bekker's Dark Mirror.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Greater Telekinesis** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that grants the ability to move or manipulate creatures or objects by thought to a greater degree than the lower level telekinesis spell. The caster levitates off the ground and is able to fly at a speed of 10 feet per second. Using this spell the caster can throw a creature 30 feet in any direction, squeeze a creature to damage it, slam a creature 10 feet in one direction to slam it into a surface or another creature, grab a large object weighing up to 1,000 pounds moving 30 feet in any direction as well as maintaining fine control of an item such as a tool or launch two objects weighing between 1 to 10 pounds 150 feet in directions the caster chooses.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Mental Command** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell allows the caster to plant an order in the mind of a target. This command must be executed to the letter by the target. This is harder to cast successfully if the order is something the target would never do, however.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Standing Portal** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that creates a 1-meter by 2-meter floating portal up to 10 meters away from the caster. Stepping through this portal teleports the caster anywhere they can recall. The portal can transport anything that fits through it. If the caster ends the portal while something is partially through, the portal slices the object (or creature) in two. The caster can create a portal to a location they don't know as per Teleportation.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"
- **Steal Spell** *Canon*- An Ether-based spell that allows the caster to take control of another mage's spell and re-designate its target. As long as the target casts a non-master level spell the caster can immediately force the mage into a contest of magical strength, upon overcoming their opponent the caster can change the target of the spell to anyone within range of the original caster or the new caster if the spell had a range of oneself. The caster pays the cost of active-use spells as long as they use them.

    Spoken Component: "TBA"

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